

# ATHLETICS WILL GO TO JACKSONVILLE TO TRAIN AFTER MARCH 1—PLANS CHANGED

## CONNIE MACK MAKES SHIFT IN TRAINING PLANS; WILL GO SOUTH AT USUAL TIME

### Believes His Young Hurlers Need Lot of Work to Develop Control—Pitching Prospects Good

MANAGER MACK, of the Athletics, was the first manager to advocate a later start for the spring training trips of the major league ball teams and had planned to take his squad South about March 15, as he did several years ago, but after looking over the young blood with which he intends to construct a new championship machine, Mack came to the conclusion that the squad would need more work in the South, particularly the young pitchers.

Last season several of Mack's recruit twirlers showed a great amount of natural ability, but their wildness spoiled whatever chance they had for making good records. This was particularly true in the early part of the year when the Athletics' pitchers broke all records for number of bases on balls given. Mack believes that there is only one way to eradicate this wildness. The prescription calls for plenty of work. That was his reason for working Wyckoff so hard, and it had the desired effect, as the Williamsport boy had excellent control at the close of the season.

#### Connie Has Some Good Young Pitchers

The Athletics have Nabors, Bressler, Richardson and one or two other youngsters who apparently have a wonderful amount of natural talent but who lack control, and Mack has decided to take his squad South during the first week of March, the exact date not yet having been decided upon.

Another reason Manager Mack is anxious to get his team to Jacksonville earlier than he had planned is that he will have the largest squad he has ever taken to a training camp. With few exceptions the squad will be composed of youngsters who may be slow in showing their form, as nervousness and over-anxiety generally handicap a recruit unless he is of unusual calibre. Mack wants to give his youngsters time to find their proper stride before the inter-league games are played.

#### Mack Started the Late Training Plans

When Mack announced that he did not favor an early start and that he did not intend to take his squad to Jacksonville until the middle of March, other major league owners agreed that it was a waste of money and that the major league clubs wasted a great deal of money without deriving any particular benefit from long trips. Accordingly many teams made arrangements to leave for the South on March 15 or thereabouts. Now Mack has switched and will have his men at the training camp earlier than many other managers who had, in the past, been strong for an early start.

#### Magee's Presence in New York Will Aid American League

The presence of Lee Magee in New York will have almost as great an effect as if Frank Baker had been landed by the Yankees. Magee is of that type that appeals to the New York fans and he will prove a great drawing card. He was never known as a slugger until he entered the Federal League, still he was rated as a wonder when he was with the Cardinals.

#### Magee Is What Managers Term "a Winning Ball Player"

He is a dashing, clean-cut player who is of immense value to a team. He does not know what it is to admit defeat until the last man has been retired, and he fights just as hard and plays as well with a tail-end as he would with a pennant winner. Every club in the American League will profit by Magee's presence in the Yankees' line-up, as he also will be a drawing card on the road.

When Sinclear announced that Magee, Kauff and other Federal League stars, whose contracts he holds, would be placed on the market it was rumored that the "Fed" magnate wanted about \$30,000 for Magee, but it is doubtful if Captain Huston and Colonel Ruppert, owners of the New York club, paid this amount.

The Yankees could have had Baker by meeting his terms and the home run king's demands did not amount to as much as the contract Lee Magee is carrying, and which will in 1916 and 1917 be carried by the New York club. As Manager Donovan is known to have considered Baker the most valuable man in the game, barring Cobb, for the New York club from a drawing card standpoint, it is not likely Magee brought such a high price.

#### Action Should Be Taken Immediately in the Cole Case

If Billy Nusbickel, proprietor and matchmaker of the Quaker City A. C., failed to pay the veteran George Cole, a colored boxer, for his services last Friday night, as Cole claims, it is time for the Department of Public Safety to act and there would be little sympathy expressed by boxing fans if the club were closed. This is not the first time that boxers have complained that they did not get the amount called for in their contracts at the Quaker City club. The last incident of note was the case of See-Saw Kelly, who was knocked out by Tim Logan many months ago.

In this fight Logan caught Kelly on the point of the jaw and knocked him out in the third round. Spectators claimed that the knockout was as clean as possible, but it is said that Nusbickel claimed that Kelly had "quit" and refused to pay him for his services.

In refusing to pay Cole, Nusbickel is said to have declared that Cole and Tommy Coleman had "stalled" through three rounds until the fight was stopped by the referee and that Cole was not in condition. Perhaps neither man was fighting, but that is no excuse for the promoter to fail to live up to his agreement. The only redress the club has under these conditions is to bar the fighter who fails to give the patrons a run for their money from future shows given by that club. We are yet to see the promoter who gives preliminary boys more than they contract for when they put up a better fight than the windup stars, so why not make the best of it when a bad match is made?

#### Basketball Must Soon Be Rated a Major Sport at Penn

If basketball continues to show a profit for the University of Pennsylvania's athletic treasury it will not be long before the Board of Directors will have to recognize it as a major sport. It is the only sport, aside from football, that pays expenses. Track athletics, rowing and baseball are all conducted at a loss. The situation is just a bit ridiculous, too, because a minor sport, which is refused the rating of a major branch, helps to support the latter. Another argument in favor of basketball's recognition is the fact that it is as hard for the average man to make this team as it is to get his letter in football or track athletics. This year, for example, there were more than 100 candidates for the team, and of this number not more than eight can be considered the team. It is becoming increasingly hard to refuse recognition of basketball's claims.

#### Unusual Ties Feature Races in Soccer Leagues

Two unusual ties exist in local soccer leagues. In the Pennsylvania Inter-collegiate, Penn second, Lafayette and Lehigh finished the season on even terms and a round robin tourney will be staged to decide the winner. The unusual part of this tie is that there were only four teams in the league, Haverford second finishing a bad last.

Moorestown, Merion White and Merion Maroon are tied in the Cricket Club League, first division. The championship will be decided on Saturday when Moorestown meets Merion Maroon. Merion White has played its full schedule of 8 games and cannot even gain a tie in the championship, as Moorestown and the Maroons have played only 7 games and one of the teams must be credited with a point, even if the game results in a tie. At present all three teams have 13 points. Moorestown is looked upon as the likely winner, as it has played a more consistent game than the Maroons.

#### The James Boys Are Both in Poor Shape

By an odd freak of fate, the Bill James, of Detroit, is now troubled with arm lameness, similar to that which made the Bill James, of the Braves, useless in 1915. Detroit purchased its James from the Browns for \$15,000 in the latter part of the 1915 season, believing that his presence on the staff would enable the Tigers to overhaul the Red Sox. Soon after joining the Tigers, James began to have trouble with his arm and was of little value to Jennings' team.

The Detroit James attributes his trouble to the chilly breeze from Lake Michigan, which is so noticeable in Detroit in the early fall, while the Braves' James believes that pitching in San Francisco in the winter of 1914, with cold winds blowing from Frisco Bay, started his trouble. Both men caught cold which settled in the shoulder. They are a great pair of twirlers when right and their loss cannot be replaced on their respective teams.

## SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



## AMATEUR RULE IN TENNIS IS FAR TOO STRICT

### This Is View Taken by Tilden, Champion of Philadelphia

By WM. T. TILDEN, 2D Philadelphia Champion for 1915

THERE is one mystery greater than the Sphinx, one so great it requires the combined genius of Sherlock Holmes, Craig Kennedy and M. Lecoq to unravel and give a solution to. That mystery is "what constitutes a professional in tennis." Unfortunately, neither the National Lawn Tennis Association nor yet the individual players under the rule have the intelligence of these three famous detectives of fiction, and that 20 persons or group thereof has a very clear grasp of this interesting question.

To the average intellect it seems that the desire to abolish professionalism from the amateur game has forced the association to a point of rather foolish rigidity.

This whole question is only brought all the more to the fore at this time by the announcement from the coast a few days ago that Maurice E. McLoughlin, ex-national champion in singles, and Thomas Bundy, with whom he held the national doubles title, have decided to open a sporting goods store. This is in direct violation, according to Robert Wrenn, president of N. L. T. A., of the amateur rule, which reads as follows: A person shall cease to be an amateur—by granting or permitting the use of one's name to advertise or promote the sale of, or to act as the personal solicitor for the sale, or as the actual salesman of sporting goods, prizes, trophies or other commodities for use chiefly in or in connection with athletic games or exhibitions.

#### Others in Ring

If this rule were enforced to the letter, many prominent men besides "Mac" and Bundy would suffer. Such players as Alexander, Touchard, "Ted" Whitney, Carl Gardner would also fall under this ruling, to say nothing of William Johnston, our present national champion, and possibly Wallace Johnson here in our city.

Professionalism is undoubtedly a blot on any game, but it is the direct payment for services on the field which is bad, not this possible technical violation of a very badly worded rule.

It is worse to allow a man to sell sporting goods for a profit than to allow him to accept money as a clerk, or in some such capacity, with the understanding that he is to coach people staying at the place he is working at, or he is to play there and by his ability draw people to that place. This, to me, seems much worse than the act of McLoughlin and Bundy are in danger of losing their amateur standing by, yet it is done far more than one thinks, and in tennis quite as much as in college "summer ball."

#### Type of the "Pro"

This is the type of professionalism which we should stop at once, this is the style of thing that the National Association should frown on.

Let the tennis world turn its attention to the question raised by this matter of McLoughlin and Bundy and send their views to the association. Technically the men are now professionals; yet are we to lose two of our most popular players, men whose whole influence on the game has been for good, men who are gentlemen and sportsmen in every sense, simply through a technicality. It is no mere passing fad with them. McLoughlin says he will continue in his work even if it does cost him his standing, as it is a matter with him of his livelihood, and he feels he should continue. That should be an answer to the question of professionalism when the work is in the usual course of trade. It should be taken into consideration.

To coach for money or to play for

money, directly or indirectly in any shape, form or manner, or under any disguise, is rank professionalism, and the punishment should be severe. But to treat the usual channels of trade, even though they be connected with sporting goods, in the same light as the actual paying for the

ability a man possesses is to me unfair and inconsistent. Let those who feel in this light let the association know it, let the delegates to the meeting know it and put the viewpoint directly up to them from the standpoint of justice, not mere actual reading

of their poorly worded rule. The opinion of the players of any game will sooner or later determine the rules which will govern that game. Therefore if this amateur rule is poor, let the players make themselves felt and by the pressure of their views have it repealed or amended.

## PENN QUINTET IS PRIMED FOR BULLDOG GAME

### Rivals Clash This Evening in New Haven—Fast Contest Expected

#### OTHER CAGE NEWS

Pennsylvania plays Yale in an intercollegiate League basketball contest at New Haven this evening, and the slightly better foot forward to keep at the top of the leap. This game will mark the opening of the basketball season at New Haven, and the Blue will be given a great send off by the Yale undergraduates, who won the championship title last year.

Bobby Stowe, the coach, has four of last year's team in harness. His new man is Baker in center, and like Penn, this is the weak spot of the team. This year's pasting game, short and swift, like Penn, and last year had the most perfected system of team play of any five in the league.

The Pennsylvania team in charge of Manager Lamm left for New Haven this morning Coach Jourdet also went. The game is called for 7:30, so that the Penn team may return home the same evening. The line-up:

Penn. Martin..... forward..... Tom Williams..... forward..... Jeffords..... forward..... McMichael..... guard..... Rescoe—Tom Thorpe.

Trenton Beats Reading Trenton, Jan. 18. — An extra five-minute period was required to decide the Eastern League basketball contest last night, Trenton playing cyclonic basketball in the extra period, and coming out victor by a score of 31 to 28.

Eastern League Standing  
Greystock..... W 15 P 11  
Camden..... 12 10 515  
Reading..... 11 11 522  
Trenton..... W 15 P 11  
Do Not..... 10 10 515  
Newark..... 10 10 515  
Asper..... 7 15 211

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